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PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a one month extension of time to file a Response to Restriction Requirement which was mailed on April 24, 2001. The new time for filing such Response will be June 24, 2001, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for one hundred ten and no/100 (\$110.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

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